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1. Evidence of material Soviet aid to Chinese Communists --
US Assistant Military Attache Barrett in Peiping reports
that he has seen "hundreds of Soviet-made trucks" in the
environs of that city.

(CIA Comment: This eyewitness report by a reliable
US observer is the first conclusive evidence that the Chinese
Communists possess Soviet materiel in volume.)

2. Review of US policy on Eritrea urged --US Ambassador
Dunn in Rome finds "strong grounds for review" of the
US position favoring the cession of the bulk of Eritrea to
Ethiopia. In noting the "realistic appraisal" of the US
Mission at Addis Ababa, which questions Ethiopia's com-
petence to give Eritrea "a reasonably efficient government,"
Dunn emphasizes the extreme importance of this issue to
relations between Italy and the western democracies. He
therefore urges that serious consideration be given to a UN
trusteeship over Eritrea by a group of three or more com-
petent nations, including Italy.

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